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WEEKEND

Kadena Airman named one of AF's best



U.S. Air Force photo

Staff Sgt. William Moore, 31st Rescue Squadron pararescueman, was recently named one of the Air Force's 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year.

By Tech. Sgt. Steve Horton 51st FW Public Affairs

The life of an Air Force pararescueman is full of long temporary duty assignments, deployments and training time spent away from family and friends.

Recently, the work of one pararescueman was recognized when Staff Sgt. William Moore was named as one of the Air Force 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year.

Sergeant Moore, on temporary duty with the 33rd Rescue Squadron, from the 31st RQS at Kadena, was notified he had won after the Air Force released the names July 17.

The selection board considered 45 nominees who represented all the major commands, direct reporting units and Air Staff Agencies. The Airmen were selected based on superior leadership, job performance and personal achievements.

"I was very surprised by this, because I didn't even know that I had been submitted until I was told I won," said Sergeant Moore. "I was TDY through most of the process, so the first award cer'A lot of good stuff was done by the squadron, and I feel like I was put in the right place at the right time to accomplish this.'

- Staff Sgt. William Moore

emony I went to was for 5th Air Force.

"I don't feel like I did anything special," added the Alaska native. "A lot of good stuff was done by the squadron, and I feel like I was put in the right place at the right time to accomplish this."

Sergeant Moore was also named as the pararescue Airman of the Year after earning two Sikorsky Aircraft Rescue awards for life-saving actions.

He also used lessons learned from a deployment to Afghanistan and rewrote guidance on how to wear gear, how to medically treat wounded, and how to tactically employ.

Those procedures are now being used by pararescuemen deployed to the same region.

"You have to be careful of

what you ask of him (Moore), because he'll move heaven and earth to make it happen," said Master Sgt. Brendan Ryan, 51st Operations Group first sergeant.

"He's always training and always very professional. These guys (the 33rd RQS) do a great job and have a very serious mission here," Sergeant Ryan said.

Sergeant Moore will be honored with the other winners during the Air Force Association national convention in Washington in September, and then will serve as a member of the AFA's enlisted advisory council for the next year

"I'll have to travel to several events throughout the year which makes me feel bad," said Sergeant Moore.

"When I'm gone for those things, someone on my team will have to pull my weight and that's the one thing I won't like," Sergeant Moore said.

That's typical sentiment and modesty from an Airman who spends most of his time training, working and relying on the same teammates who put him in for the award.

Kadena seminar empowers future SNCOs

By Master Sgt. Brad Carder 18th Wing Public Affairs

More than 100 Kadena-based NCOs gathered this week at the Schilling Recreation Center to learn about some of the challenges they will soon face as they join the Air Force's senior noncommissioned officer corps.

According to Senior Master Sergeant James Cooper, Kadena's Professional Development Center superintendent and a Team Kadena Career Assistance advisor, this is the eighth SNCO professional development seminar held here. Sergeant Cooper is the seminar facilitator.

"There will be a wide range of topics designed to prepare these soon-tobe SNCOs for increased responsibilities," he said. "(We) provide them with the knowledge and practical application of leadership and management skills for the mentorship and development of subordinates."

Sergeant Cooper said the seminars are based on an initiative put forward by Kadena's Top 3 association. The Top 3 consists of master sergeants,

senior master sergeants and chief master sergeants on Kadena.

Sergeant Cooper said the seminar is an important step in the profession-

al development of these NCOs. "It's important that they get a good foundation so that they know what is expected of them as SNCOs. Their



U.S. Air Force/2nd Lt. Timothy Lundberg

(From left) Tech. Sgts. Robert Quinn, 18th Civil Engineer Squadron, Mark Griggs, 18th Communications Squadron and Lela Goodridge, 733rd Air Mobility Squadron, take notes at the SNCO professional development seminar.

role in the Air Force is shifting and there will be much more expected of them, particularly when it comes to leading and mentoring today's Airmen."

Tech. Sgt. Jon Bassett, 18th Maintenance Operations Squadron, attended this week's seminar. "The speakers have been great," he said. "I really got a lot of good information out of it."

Sergeant Bassett said he now understands topics like career progression more clearly after attending the seminar. It really showed me how career progression in today's Air Force is critical in the development of Airmen. It has really given me some good tools."

Sergeant Cooper said he now hopes these enlisted leaders take the new skills they've acquired and put them into practice in the field. "I hope that they return to their sections with a renewed since of direction by understanding their role as a SNCO in motivating and mentoring our troops. Taking care of our most valuable asset, our troops, is job one."





PACAF celebrates 60 years of service

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By General Paul Hester Commander, Pacific Air Forces

This year, as we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the founding of Pacific Air Forces, it's an occasion for each Airman to step back and reflect on the command's proud heritage as America's provider of air and space power in the Pacific theater. Founded during the trying days of World War II (Aug 3, 1944), PACAF's role and mission continues to evolve as we now support a continuous bomber rotation from Guam and will soon welcome the C-17 into our inventory.

Sixty years after being activated to plan for the invasion of Japan, PACAF Airmen continue to demonstrate that our Air Force is relevant to the war fighter -- from Korea to Afghanistan to Baghdad, you continue to make a difference. Lethal weapons and advanced technologies provide us advantages, but professional warriors ultimately determine victory in combat. PACAF is strong, and this strength comes from our greatest asset: you, our Airmen, whose courage, compassion, and determination form the bedrock upon which our victories depend.

The events of the past year have called for great

sacrifices from many Airmen and their families. While the Global War on Terrorism clearly demands the best from each of us, it is important that we join with our fellow Airmen, families and friends to celebrate PACAF's many achievements and warrior spirit.

We are proud of you, our PACAF family -- Airmen, civilians, retirees, veterans, and your families, and you are always foremost in our prayers and in our actions. Thank you for your service and for your steadfast devotion to duty.

May God always bless each and every one of you.

How to be a 'Powerful' leader in today's Air Force

By Lt. Col. Stephen W. Korns 18th Communications Squadron commander

As a commander, I deal everyday with the perceptions and nuances of power. But, how does power relate to a leader's responsibilities?

Leadership involves influencing the attitudes, beliefs and behaviors of people to achieve specific goals. Leaders really only have true power over people when people allow leaders to have power. Say what?

Some might say, "Duuhh - it's simple." But hold on, the proper development and use of power is not simple. Power is not automatically bestowed upon you when you reach a certain rank. True power comes from serving others, who then submit to your authority because it is in their best interest.

There are five generally recognized sources of power: Expert power - a leader's knowledge and expertise; Referent power - developed through personal relationships and the extent to which subordinates identify with that leader; Legitimate power - legal authority given to a position; Reward power - the ability to reward with desirable things or positions. Coercive power - the ability to punish through disciplinary actions.

The use of power can be very beneficial -- using your position to help a member resolve a pay problem. But power can be used detrimentally -- the leader who threatens a member

with a bad EPR if the person doesn't sign off on an erroneous report.

Leaders might think they hold great power, but in reality, subordinates who are mistreated can resist change and fight off boss-power. Watch what happens to your power when a subordinate you offend tightens up the rules on you. Subordinates have control and influence in the information and resource flow. This gives them significant power. Remember, followers are the source of a leader's power.

Military personnel will perform the mission because they are obligated by legal authority; however, to achieve real leadership power, consider applying the following elements: (1) Be credible. Integrity is the most important element and the surest way to gain or lose power. (2) Be trustworthy. Without trust your power will diminish. (3) Take care of people. Real power comes from taking care of your people and their families. (4) Set high standards. When standards are established, people take pride in accomplishment and desire to be associated with the unit. (5) Espouse core values. Identification with core values stimulates strong identification with leadership and willingness to follow. (\Beta) Be technically competent. People trust leaders who have a high level of technical competence and understand the unit's mission. (7) Share decision making. Allow your team to collectively develop and implement actions, and to have real control over policies, strategies, and resources.

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Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas 18th Wing commander

The 18th Wing is very interested in ideas that can make Kadena an even better place to live, work and play. If you have a concern that you have be en unable to resolve through normal chains of command, then we'll look into it. Although not required, it's better to give commanders, first sergeants or the agencies with which you have the concern the opportunity to correct the situation first.

When that fails, send us an e-mail. Include your name and telephone number so someone can get back to you, and a brief summary of your concern.

Where are the crosswalks?

I picked up my buddy who came TDY to Kadena last night. He got a room in the new billeting building! We walked from the front desk to the new building. My concern is the path to the new buildings. There are no ramps or crosswalks across the street in front of the check-in building? This concerns me. We almost got hit by a couple vehicles. Please get with CE before I lose a buddy!

Thank you for your safety concern and for bringing this to my attention. I am happy to inform you the crosswalk construction is complete; ramps and crosswalk signs have been installed. The construction of a new crosswalk was originally scheduled, and we waited for Beeson Street to be repaved prior to the installation of the new crosswalk and signs.

We apologize for the inconvenience you experienced; however, when meshing new facilities into existing infrastructure it often takes time to finalize details. We appreciate your comments making Kadena AB a safer place to live, work and play.

SHOGUN WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Tech. Sgt. Scarlet Williams

718th Civil Engineer Squadron, NCO in Charge of Drafting and Surveying

Hometown: Landover, Maryland

Reason for nomination: Takes on tons of leadership roles while pursuing off-duty education and raising her family.

Time at Kadena: 2 years and 9 months.

Editor's note: Shogun Warriors are selected by unit leaders for their outstanding value to their unit and dedication to the Kadena mission. To nominate someone, send the name of your nominee to your unit commander or senior enlisted leaders.



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AEF BRIEFINGS: A "Spread the Word" Air and Space Expeditionary Force briefing team from Pacific Air Forces will conduct AEF briefings at the Keystone Theater at the following times: 3:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday; 8-9 a.m. Thursday; 9:30-10:30 a.m. Thursday. For more information, call Capt. Andrew Stengel at 634-1819.

MANDATORY BRIEFINGS: Mandatory briefings for all 18th Wing members for the upcoming exercise will be held at 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Aug. 16 through 18 at the Keystone Theater. For more information, call 634-3620.

KADENA OSC HAI SAI: The Kadena Officer Spouses' Club is hosting their annual "Hai Sai" at 6 p.m. August 19 at the Kadena Officers' Club. This event is open to any officers' spouse from any branch of service as well as SOFA status personnel eligible for Officers' Club membership, civilian employees and DoDDS personnel (GS-7 or equivalent and above). Hors d'ouvres will be served. Over 40 organizations and activities from all over the base will be represented. This event is considered a "one stop shop" for all Kadena activities

ESSAYCONTEST: The deadline for a 2-3 page, double spaced essay open to all ages with the theme, "Women Inspiring Hope and Possibility" is Tuesday. The winner will present their essay to the Women's History Month luncheon

STEP in the right direction



Air Force/Capt. C.K. Keegan

Tech. Sgt. Gabriel Martinez, Det. 1, 554th Red Horse Squadron, proudly displays his new rank he recently earned under the Stripes for Exceptional Performers program. Sergeant Martinez was promoted during a deployment by Lt. Gen. Garry Trexler, 7th Air Force commander.

Aug. 20. Submit essays to 1st Lt. Megan Kranenburg at: megan.kranenburg@kadena.af.mil. For more information, call 634-7277.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The 18th Wing inspector general's office is looking for volunteers for an upcoming wing-wide exercise. Call Master Sgt. Tricia Benning at 634-5163.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB: The Oki-

nawa International Women's Club hosts a welcome coffee from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. August 16 at the Butler Officers' Club. The club offers members the opportunity for international friendship and cultural exchange.

FREE CHILDCARE: Nearly 20 hours of free child care is available through a family support center program for new arrivals to Kadena. For more information, contact 634-3366.

FREETOW SERVICE: A free vehicle towing service for spouses of deployed Airman assigned to Kadena is available by calling 634-1126.

IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS: August is National Immunization Awareness month. The 18th Medical Group asks that everyone ensure all immunization requirements are current. For more information, call 634-2499.

MOTORCYCLE REQUIREMENTS: All motorcycle and scooter operators and passengers are required to wear international orange or lime green reflective vests during the day. The vest must have 138 square inches of reflective material and cannot be covered by a backpack or other items. Airmen with motorcycles and scooters must attend motorcycle safety training every three years.

COLLEGE REGISTRATION: Military registration for Term I at the University of Maryland and Central Texas College Students concludes Aug. 13. Students are responsible for completing prerequisite courses. For more information, call 634-1500.

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17th SOS Airman claims AF honors

By Master Sgt. Michael Farris 353rd Special Operations Group Public Affairs

Long before airplanes in the 17th Special Operations Squadron take off, Senior Airman Betty Mendoza has finished her job.

Before anyone flies, this 22-year-old, Dallas native ensures the right air crew members are flying the right missions and that other units involved in the operation, like jumpers and helicopter squadrons, are on the same sheet of music.

For her outstanding work throughout 2003, Airman Mendoza was recently named the Air Force Aviation Resource Management Airman of the Year.

One of her biggest duties is to cross-check aircrew members for qualifications.

"There are five different crew positions in the Combat Shadow," she said. "It's my job to ensure each member is qualified to conduct a scheduled mission. With multiple crews flying multiple missions around the Pacific, it's a challenge keeping up with all the moving parts."

Airman Mendoza said the aviation resource managers provide a comfort level to aircraft commanders.

Paying attention to detail she said, is vitally important because one small slip can trigger a ripple effect throughout all operations in the entire squadron.

"This job is really satisfying because even though I'm not a flyer, my work has a big impact on the readiness and efficiency of the squadron," she said. "When an aircraft commander can look at our products and know at a glance that all crew positions are fully qualified and prepared for the mission, we've done our jobs."

Airman Mendoza said she's learned a lot from her mentor, Tech Sgt. Eric Suan, NCO in charge of her section.

" He's always good about teaching us how to do our jobs the right way," she said. "He's always good for advice and pointers."

Airman Mendoza joined the Air Force in December 2000 and, following technical training at Keesler AFB, Miss., joined Team Kadena in 2001.

Her long-term goal is to earn a master's degree in criminal justice and eventually become a forensic scientist.

Meanwhile, she's studying for promotion to staff sergeant in hopes of someday becoming a chief master sergeant.

Airman Mendoza learned of the award while deployed to Cobra Gold in Udon Thani, Thailand.

- " I was shocked and excited, " she said.
- " I'm proud to be a member of my squadron and I'm honored that the Air Force thinks I'm the best "



U.S. Air Force/Master Sgt. Michael Farris

Senior Airman Betty Mendoza works on reports with Airman 1st Class John Hurlbutt at the 17th SOS.

The orange bowl



Paxton Rosenbaum, 5, takes a turn at bowling during the **Deployed Spouses Bowling** day held at the Skoshi Bowl July 31. The event was sponsored by the Kadena Family Support Center and the 18th Services Squadron. According to Tech. Sgt. Michael Stines, Kadena FSC readiness NCO who organized the event for spouses and family members of deployed Kadena service members, 74 community members took part in the free event.

U.S. Air Force/Airman 1st Class Heather Tower

Kadena Airmen execute rescue operation

CALL THE

Capt. CK Keegan 18th Wing Public Affairs

Keith Groom is in stable condition at Lester Naval Hospital thanks to the work of a few Airmen here.

Airman 1st Class Crystal Chamblee, 18th Wing command post, received the call at noon: 47-year-old male is having possible heart failure... leaking fluid from his legs... condition is deteriorating. For the next 2 and a half hours, people from all over the base worked diligently to get Mr. Groom, who was on the ocean surveillance ship USNS Victorious 80 miles southwest of Okinawa, to the hospital. Mr. Groom is a contract civilian with Lockheed Martin.

'My heart was racing when I answered the call," said Airman Chamblee of the phone call from the Naval hospital fleet liaison. "We do medical evacs on occasion, but not to this seriousness.'

Airman Chamblee quickly took down information and made sure someone went to get her supervisors. Six people in the command post were making simultaneous phone calls all over the base to put the 33rd Rescue Squadron and the 31st Rescue Squadron on heightened alert status if leadership gave the thumbs up to retrieve Mr. Groom.

The 33rd RQS was flying a training sortie when their operations desk called them to pick up two Pararescuemen and head out to sea in search of a 235-foot ship somewhere south of the island.

The Pararescuemen, Master Sgt. Jeremy Hardy and Tech. Sgt. Troy Naquin, jumped on board one of two 33rd RQS Helicopters and they headed to the coordinates continuously updated by the command post.

An MC-130 Shadow from the 17th Special Operations Squadron met up with the helicopters on the way out to the ship for refueling.

We only have about four hours of fuel, " said Capt. Jenn Reed, 33rd RQS flight lead, " and we had already been flying for two hours.

It was 24 minutes from the time the 17th SOS was notified to refueling, passing about 1,300 pounds of fuel to each. The Shadow accompanied the helicopters to the sight to maintain communications between the 33rd RQS, the base and the hospital.



U. S. Navy/Amanda Woodhead

Kadena Airmen and U.S. Navy Sailors transport Mr. Keith Groom to emergency care facilities at the U.S. Naval hospital at Camp Lester on Monday.

They [33rd RQS helicopters] have trouble because they fly at lower altitudes." said Lt. Col. Eli Caison, aircraft commander. "It's very common for us to relay the comm [communication) for them.

Even with the command post providing updated coordinates, the team had trouble identifying which ship was the right one. There were several in the same area.

"A guy relayed to us that it was a square ship, " said Colonel Caison. "That made it easy. It looked like a postage stamp in the middle of the ocean.

Since there was nowhere to land on the ship, the two PJs hoisted with the basket onto the ship using the helicopter's rescue hoist, while dodging antennas, a radar dish, and other threats sticking up from the ship. The patient was able to walk out to the PJs, and as Sergeant Hardy went down to talk with the medic, Sergeant Naguin got Mr. Groom onto the basket, talking with him the entire time.

'I could hear everything he said to me and he was mostly concentrating on making sure I was safe and comfortable. He kept giving me a 'thumbs up' and assuring me things were going well, " said Mr. Groom. "I can't tell you how impressed I was with the dedication of those men that cared for me. He did a really good job and I could tell he cared about my safety and not just 'doing his job."

Mr. Groom's symptoms had started three weeks prior but he didn't believe they were intense enough to suspect anything major. He had been planning a land transport at White Beach, but the symptoms worsened with his legs swelling severely. The ship was 12 hours from land and the doctor felt he needed immediate medical attention. Mr. Groom's blood pressure oscillated up and down despite medication, and his legs began leaking fluid.

I wanted to be transported from shore. Mostly because I thought they were doing too much for me and my condition was not that bad, " he said. 'I thought they were making too much fuss over me.

Mr. Groom's symptoms included high blood pressure, weak pulse, shallow/ rapid breathing, pitting edema and leaking fluid from his legs and arms. "Once the patient gets to that point [leaking fluid], it can can cause pulmonary edema. The lungs fill up with fluid and the patient can drown, said Sergeant Hardy.

Sergeant Naquin accompanied the patient from the ship and up into the helicopter, clipped on to the side of the basket while Sergeant Hardy navigated the basket from the ship using a tag line. The tag line is also used to keep the basket from spinning once it leaves the ground.

"The whole time, the survivor is never by himself. A PJ is with him the whole time monitoring his condition, '

I've always wanted to do that [get pulled up into a helicopter] maybe under different circumstances, but it was pretty amazing," said Mr. Groom. " It's hard to put it into words how you feel when you're about to have an experience like this. But I put all my faith in the training of those guys that they would make sure I got there safely. And they did. '

The Shadow stayed with the helicopter until about 30 miles out from the hospital.

When the helicopter landed at Camp Lester, Mr. Groom was transported to the emergency room where he had an echocardiogram and ultrasound of his heart.

According to Dr. (Navy Lieutenant) Paul Uday, Internal Medicine physician, Mr. Groom was in congestive heart failure that had been building up for probably a month. "We gave him diuretics to begin removing some of the fluid that occupied his body and caused the swelling," he said. "Eventually, he lost 17 liters of fluid, which is a lot. But, he responded to the medications very well and we did not have to do further procedures.

Mr. Groom said he is amazed at the work people did for him and the effort they took to get him to the hospital quickly.

You can look at them in their eyes and see nothing but concern for the patient. They have true compassion for other people and it shows in how hard they work to help people like me. I am so impressed with the complete professionalism that I don't know if I could ever express it thoroughly.

Captain Reed said the coordination and cooperation between the 31st RQS, 33rd RQS, 17th SOS, Lester Naval Hospital and the command post was text book. "It refocuses the entire unit, " said Captain Reed. "We can get into that day-to-day routine that can lull you into a bit of complacency. Just about that time, something like

I would like to thank all those from Kadena that assisted in making sure I arrived at the hospital safely, said Mr. Groom. "It may be something you all do on a daily basis, but it saved my life and I am grateful.

Special thanks to Amanda Wood head, Lester Naval Hospital public affairs, for contributions to this article.

Kadena Airmen

enjoy free **Summer Bash** By Master Sgt. Brad Carder 18th Wing Public Affairs

The Kadena Chapter 1553 of the Air Force Sergeants Association sponsored Summer Bash '04 Saturday at the Kadena Marina for

Airmen in the grades of E-4 and below.

The event kicked off at noon and wrapped up around 7 p.m.

More than 300 Airman came out to enjoy some of the free food and fun, that included activities like volleyball and a dunking booth.

Mrs. Cynthia Rambo, AFSA Chapter 1553 president, said the event was a huge success and things look to get even better over the next few months. "This was a banner year due to the most participation to date. We can only get bigger and better in years to come.

Airmen who made their way out to the marina were treated to a day of free fun courtesy of the local AFSA chapter. "We were able to remove the myths regarding only NCOs can ioin." she said.

According to Mrs. Rambo, the Kadena AFSA chapter holds a variety of events throughout the year that benefit the entire Kadena community.

For more information about AFSA or to become involved with its activities, call 634-3830. The Kadena-based AFSA chapter holds monthly meetings on the first Thursday of each month at the Rocker NCO Club.

KADENA Glebrates KiOS



By Capt. CK Keegan 18th Wing Public Affairs

About 2,000 people showed to a free carnival at Merek Park, July 31 to celebrate National KidsDay, sponsored by the Kadena Youth Sports program. Held from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., the event gave children an opportunity to spend time with their parents, eat, play games and win prizes.

According to the National KidsDay Web site, "The effort is backed by research showing that millions of Americans recognize the link between spending 'meaningful time' with their kids and the tough issues facing youth, but say they don't have the time, skills, or resources to do much for their children as they feel they should."

Daniel Aflleje, 18th Services youth sports director and carnival coordinator, said the day is stress free for parents and lets families have a good time together.

"Since it was a free carnival, parents didn't have to worry about spending too much money or feel bad about money they had spent, "he said. "It was wide open for fun and no room for anything negative. They could all come and just let the kids be kids."

Kids won prizes from less than a dolla machine, Game Boys and scooters. They wall, navigate an obstacle course and jun guests included a K-9 demonstration, you dog, children Asa dancers and an entomo dren about what bugs are on Okinawa ar

" It's cool, " said 9-year-old Ashley Sol Mikayla Baker. They were both part of th stayed to check out the carnival.

" I was scared to climb the wall, " said done it before. But I made it to the top."

There were 50 volunteers and 25 staff the success of the day, said Mr. Aflleje.

"They really pulled this one together, '

happy customers thanks to the committe National KidsDay is the first Sunday brate and honor children through the gift National KidsDay effort is led by the Boy partnership with KidsPeace, the Nationa Crisis. T STORY? CALL 634-5665



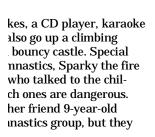


(Clockwise from left) Hang on: Helina Tassi, 10, goes up the climbing wall at the National KidsDay event.

Sparky pays a visit: Sparky the Fire Dog enjoyed National Kids-Day while spreading the word on fire safety. Sharing some summer: Billie Solley 3 (left), and Jackson Solley 2 (right), share a snow cone at the National Kids-Day event. Bug's life: Joshua Farley, 9, takes his turn holding a wood spider at National Kids-Day. The spider was one of a variety of insects available for children to view. Artfully created: Hailey Bullock, 4, watches as her arm is painted at the KidsDay event. Face and arm painting were among a host of activities at the celebration.



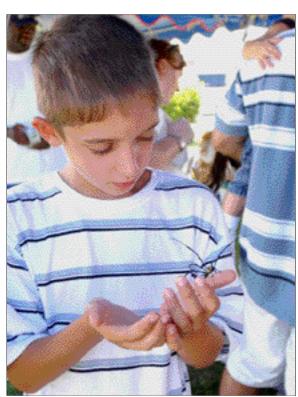
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PACAF at 60: Proven in War and Peace as America's Commitment in the Pacific

HICKAM AFB, Hawaii -- Despite the normally grim news of war, Americans had reason to hope in August 1944. In Europe, the Allies had crushed the German 7th Army, and would liberate Paris before month's end. And in the Pacific, Allied forces had captured the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Guam, which would become bases for B-29 Superfortresses, which would soon reach the Japanese homeland.

Amid the drama of those times, today's Pacific Air Forces was born. PACAF traces its roots, the activation of Far East Air Forces (FEAF) on Aug. 3, 1944, at Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. FEAF, which was subordinate to the U.S. Army Forces Far East, served as the headquarters of all the allied air forces in the Southwest Pacific. By 1945, three numbered air forces -- 5th, 7th and 13th -- were supporting operations in the Pacific as part of the largest and most powerful military organization ever fielded by any country in the world.

Legends of military aviation graced FEAF - Major Richard I. Bong, America's all-time top scoring ace with 40 victories, along his 9th Fighter Squadron "Flying Knights" mates, ravaged their foes in the skies over the Pacific. Col. Charles A. Lindbergh was in the Pacific in August 1944, assigned to teach fuel economy for maximum range of the P-38.

After World II, FEAF and 5th AF remained in Japan, while 7th Air Force operated from Hawaii, and 13th Air Force from the Philippines. In the postwar years, FEAF was designated the theater air force for the Far East Command. All air forces in the Far East and Southwest Pacific were placed under one Air Force commander for the first time.

When the North Koreans crossed the 38th parallel June 25, 1950, FEAF consisted of 5th Air Force, 13th Air Force and 20th Air Force and the Far East Materiel Command. Four years after the Korean War armistice, FEAF was redesignated Pacific Air Forces and transferred its headquarters to Hickam.

By 1960, PACAF maintained a combat-ready

deterrent force of some 35 squadrons, operating from 10 major bases in a half-dozen countries. In the early 1960s communist military strength and firepower in Vietnam increased. As a result, PACAF began a buildup in the area with the addition of troops and better arms and equipment.

During the height of the war in Southeast Asia PACAF operated more than 20 different types of aircraft and flew over six million combat and support

Combat aircraft of PACAF flew their last strikes in Cambodia Aug. 15, 1973, writing the final chapter to the long and costly history of active American participation in the Indochina War. The post-Vietnam era found the command focusing on improving its readiness.

PACAF's organizational structure saw a marked period of rapid and extensive changes. Andersen was reassigned from Strategic Air Command in 1989, and 11th Air Force became a part of the command in late 1990.

Following the volcanic eruption of Mount Pinatubo, Clark Air Base, the Philippines, was closed and 13th Air Force relocated to Andersen in 1991.

In 1992, changes took place in force structure within PACAF as the command assumed control of theater-based tactical airlift wings, theater C-130 aircraft and crews, and associated theater C-130 support. PACAF also gained control of all operational support aircraft and all aeromedical airlift assets in the Pacific.

Throughout its history PACAF has played a vital role in world events. In addition to its key combat role in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, PACAF units fought in Desert Storm in 1991, participated in operations over the Former Yugoslavia and Kosovo.

Today, the command continues to provide expertise, aircraft, personnel, and equipment to facilitate the new Expeditionary Air Force, especially as it

applies to successful airbridge operations spanning the vast Pacific Ocean. Following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States, PACAF again demonstrated its intrepid spirit through its units deployed in support of Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Since 1944, the command has participated in more than 140 humanitarian operations within its area of responsibility and beyond.

In these operations PACAF people quickly and efficiently airlifted food, medicine and other supplies to areas devastated by storms, floods, earthquakes, volcanoes and other natural disasters.

Additionally, the command supported three of the largest evacuations ever undertaken by the Air Force: the Newlife evacuation of Vietnamese in 1975, the Fiery Vigil evacuation of Clark Air Base, Philippines, after the 1991 volcanic eruption of Mount Pinatubo, and the Pacific Haven operation to support and resettle Kurdish evacuees in 1997.

On August 3rd, PACAF turned sixty years young and remains one of two forward-based commands in defense of the nation.

Today, PACAF spans half of the earth, 16 time zones, more than 105 million square miles, 45 countries, 30 territories and 3.5 billion people.

As PACAF turns 60, its mission remains as vital today as ever, according to General Paul Hester, PACAF Commander.

"History has proven that militaries can be an effective tool for keeping peace as well as making war," General Hester noted. "The current threat to our region's security puts a premium on our work with the militaries of Asia. Forging these close relationships---family and military---sends a powerful message....America's commitment in the Pacific is real...strong...and lasting."

Courtesy of the PACAF History Office and PACAF News Service

Out for a test drive



Chief Master Sgt. Cheryl Adams (left) and Col. Beth Grote have been wear testing the proposed new Air Force utility uniform. The official wear-test period was scheduled to conclude July 31. Chief Adams is the command chief master sergeant for Air Force Reserve Command and Col. Grote is AFRC's logistics director.

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Promotion study lists available

Promotion-eligible enlisted Airmen can now find which materials to study for the 2005 testing cycles

The most current Weighted Airman Promotion System catalog, which lists the materials used by test writers to develop the 2005 promotion tests, is now available on the Air Force Personnel Center Web site at http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/testing. The catalog lists study references for those testing for staff through chief master sergeant.

Career development course study material, when required, is automatically shipped to promotion-eligible Airmen by the Air Force Institute for Advanced Distributed Learning staff. Enlisted Airmen should check the catalog every year to ensure they have the current references. The catalog often includes non-CDC publications, said officials.

The institute staff will begin shipping the course study material in September for people testing for staff, technical and master sergeant. If career development study material is not received by November, Airmen should contact their unit promotion testing monitor to initiate follow-up actions, said officials.

Test administration dates for the 2005 chief master sergeant cycle are Sept. 7 to 10. The dates for senior master sergeant testing are Dec. 6 to 17, while testing for technical sergeant and master sergeant takes place Feb. 15 to March 31. Senior airmen will test for staff sergeant May 1 to 31. (Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

WEEKLY GUIDE FOR LIFE IN

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OKINAWA AFTER WORK

TODAY

FIRST FRIDAYS PARTY: Join in the party with R&B music at the Rocker NCO Club Lounge from 9 p.m. until closing. KUMON MATH: Math study for children ages 5 to 18 in 40-minute sessions from 3 to 5:40 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information

FREE BOWLING: Children 9 to 18 bowl FREE BOWLING: Children 9 to 18 bowl for free from noon to 5 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Children 10 and older need only to show an ID card to join, while 9 year olds must be signed in by a parent. Participants must bowl on the designated lanes. A three game limit may apply and a waiting list will be used when the "free" lanes are busy. Call 634-2290 for more information.

ROCK'N'ROLL BOWLING: Rock 'n' bowl fun begins from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Emery Lanes. Call 634-2290 for more information.

SATURDAY

HEARTS APART YELLOW RIBBON
TOUR: Call 634-4322 for more information.
WESTERN NIGHT: Saddle up for an evening of country hits at the Kadena Officeris Club from 6 p.m. until midnight in the Weskender Lourge.

Weekender Lounge.
ROCKER NCO CLUB: Coyote Ugly
Theme Night from 10 p.m. until 3 a.m. in the

pallroom.

DRIED FLORAL CRAFT: A two-session class from 4 to 6 p.m. will begin at the Kadena Arts & Crafts Center. Call 634-1666 to register. The second session will be held

to register. The second session will be held Aug. 28.

IKEBANA CLASS: A four-session class that meets on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. will begin at the Kadena Arts & Crafts Center. Call 634-1666 to register.

WASHI PAPER CLASS: A four-session class that meets on Saturdays from 4 to 6 p.m. will begin at the Kadena Arts & Crafts

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three-session class that meets on Saturdays from 9:15 a.m. to noon will begin at the Kadena Arts & Crafts Center. Call 634-1666

SUNDAY

UNDERWATER ADVENTURE AND ASHIBINAA OUTLET MALL TOUR: (634-4322 for more information.

IN THE MIDDLE OF IT ALL TOUR:

Call 634-4322 for more information.
DRY-BRUSH PAINTING: A three-session class that meets on Tuesdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m. will begin at the Kadena Arts & Crafts Center. Call 634-1666 to register.

MONDAY

FAMILY NIGHT: Enjoy an evening Iside at the Hagerstrom Pool from 7 to 9

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BIRTHDAY BINGO: August birthdays receive a free bingo book at the Rocker NCO Club starting at 7 p.m. Must present a valid ID card and club card to be eligible.

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CAKE DECORATING: Class held from
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Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.
TILESDAY

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LADIES DAY GOLF: Tee times for ladies are not required between 8 to 9 a.m. Just show up and tee off! Open to all ladies eligible to use the Banyan Tree Golf Course.

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TV winner



Air Force/Master Sgt. Donovan Potter

Sharon Griggs reacts to her win of a 42-inch plasma television that she won out of thousands of entries in a Pacific-wide sweepstakes. Mrs. Griggs received the television July 24 at the Kadena base exchange.

A golf instructor will be available at the

A golf instructor will be available at the range to answer questions and help with your swing. Normal green fees apply.

BEGINNING CERAMICS: A three-session class that meets on Sundays from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. will begin at the Kadena Arts & Crafts Center. Call 634-1666 to register.

TAI CHI CHUAN: Adult class from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

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MEMBERSHIP NIGHT: Complimenta MEMBERSHIP NIGHT: Complimentary buffet-style dinner for primary club member and their spouse or one guest who is not eligible to be a member. From 5 to 7 p.m. in the Kaduka Ballroom. No children allowed and no take-out from the buffet. KUMON MATH: Math study for children ages 5 to 18 in 40-minute sessions from 3 to 5:40 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

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Adult class from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

AUG. 13

CHURA-U BATH HOUSE TOUR: Call 634-4322 for more information.
RIGHT HAND PERSONS EVENING:
Say thanks to your significant other (your right hand man or woman) for all they do with an evening of free snacks and fun at the Kadena Officers' Club from 5 to 7 n m.

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BATTLE OF OKINAWA TOUR: Call 634-4322 for more information.
KARING KENNELS PET ADOPTION DAY: Karing Kennels will bring pets to the Foster PX where you can visit and adopt. All pets are in need of a long-term home where they'll become part of your family. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Foster PX main entrance.

KIDS NIGHT OUT: Give parents a break with a night of games, movies, crafts and more. Register by Aug. 11. Open to youth ages 6-12 years. Call the Kadena Youth Center at 634-0500 for more informa-

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Call 634-4322 for more information.
COMEDY SHOWCASE: Laugh it up
with comedians Mark Jaffee and Tommy
Savitt starting at 10 p.m. in the Lounge.
POWER SCRAPBOOKING: A one-session class will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
at the Kadena Arts & Crafts Center. Call 6341666 to register. 1666 to register

AUG. 15

OKINAWA ZOO TOUR: Call 634-4322 for more information.

EXPLORE THE NORTH TOUR: Call

634-4322 for more information

HOME AND BODY CLASS: A one-session class will be held from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Kadena Arts & Crafts Center. Call 634the Kadena Aug. 1666 to register.

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AUG. 18

TEA CEREMONY TOUR:

634-4322 for more information. MEMBERSHIP NIGHT: buffet for club members and their spouse at the Banyan Tree Airman's Club. No children allowed. Take-out from the buffet is not allowed. Call 634-0644. An Encore

allowed. Call 634-0644. An Encore Comedy Showcase follows the buffet from 7 - 8:15 p.m.

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AUG. 20

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TOUR: Call 634-4322 for more information. ROCKER NCO CLUB: Back that party up night from 9 p.m. until close in the Lounge. Music from the 80s and early 90s. WASHI CRAFT FOR KIDS: A one-session

class will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Kadena Arts & Crafts Center. Call 634-1666 to register

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▲ Monday through Friday : Mass, Chapel 2, noon. ▲ Saturday : Confession, Chapel 2, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Vigil Mass, Chapel 2, 5 p.m. Mass, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m.

Mass, Chapel 3, 12:30 p.m. and 5 p.m

Protestant

▲ Wednesday : Bible Study, Chapel 1, 7 p.m

▲ Sunday: Inspirational, Chapel 2, 8:30 a.m Liturgical, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m.
Evangelical, Chapel 1, 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
General Protestant, Chapel 2, 10:30 a.m.
Gospel, Chapel 3, 10:30 a.m.

- Sunday school, Bidg. 326 and Bidg. 327, 10:45 a.m. u service: Mondays, Chapel 1, noon. em Orthodox service: call 645-7486
- ▲ Jewish services: call 637-1027
- ▲ Islamic services: call 636-3219



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Round 1: Long-time Boston Red Sox favorite Nomar Garciaparra left town this week and he didn't just head out on a six-game road trip. Nope.

time he headed to Chicago where he now dons a Cubs uniform. The Red



made out on this deal, though. Nomar was a free agent at the end of this season and the Sox had no chance to sign him.

Too bad for Nomar. He went from one team that is an "also ran" to another -- just in a different league.

Round 2: The Mens U.S.A. basketball team squared off against Puerto Rico last weekend in a tune-up game for the upcoming Olympic Games in Athens later this month. Puerto Rico actually held its own against the NBA stars for a decent portion of the game. In the end, the U.S.team won handily.

Then the "Dream Teamers" took on lowly Italy in another Athens prep game. They got drubbed by the Italians. Yes, it was basketball and not soccer. Trouble lurks down the road.

Round 3: College football will soon be underway and I want to know who you think is the best college gridiron team in the land.

Send me an e-mail at kadenashogun.sports@kadena.af.mil Let me know who you

think has the power to $% \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) =\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) =\frac{1$ baffle the BCS computers into ranking your team number one in the coun-

I'll let you in on a secret right now. This year's national champion is going to come out of the Big XII conference. No? You don't agree? Let me know why.

The Big XII seems poised to leave other major conferences in the dust this year.

Kansas State will drop from the spotlight. However, keep your eyes on Texas, Oklahoma and a team that calls Lincoln home.

Sorry SEC fans.



Eric Sexton, 18 MOS, goes up to bat against the 961st/909th team during regular season intramural softball game at the Four Diamonds. The 18th MOS defeated the 961st/909th 15-6 in this regular season game. The 18th MOS was the top finishing team in Division II this season and will play this week in championship playoffs. The 961st/909th also secured a spot in this year's play-

16 softball teams vie for base intramural championship title

Officials: 18th LRS (A) vs.18th MUNS (A) showdown likely

By Master Sqt. Adam Johnston 18th Wing Public Affairs

Intramural softball officials at Kadena were predicting a championship showdown between Division I, 14-1 regular season finishers -- 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron (A) and 18th Munitions Squadron (A) -- to determine men's intramural softball champions this year.

"It's going to be a toss up between MUNS (A) and LRS (A)," said Staff Sgt. Bobbie Caron, 18th Services Squadron intramural sports

This year's intramural softball season had 31 teams in two divisions that battled throughout a season extended by countless rain-delayed games.

"Because there was so many rainouts this year's softball season was extended by about a month," said Sergeant

Caron. She said normally the softball season ends at the beginning of July, but this year many games were rescheduled because of rain.

Eight of the top teams in each division squared off at the beginning of the week in a double-elimination tournament to name the base champions on Wednesday at 8 p.m. And if needed, a game was planned for 9 p.m.

The 31-team softball league season was broken down into two divisions this year, said Sergeant Carron. Squadrons with more than 250 people assigned were placed in Division I, while units with less than 250 people assigned were placed in Division II.

The teams that moved on to intramural championships in Division I are: the 18th LRS (A) and the 18th MUNS (A) teams who both finished the regular softball action with 14-1 win-loss records; 18th EMS, 12-3; 18th CMS, 10-5; 18th SFS, 8-7, 18th LRS (C), 7-8; 18th SVS, 7-8 and 18th CS (B), 6-9. The 18th MSS team also finished the regular season with a 6-9 record but was eliminated through the accumulated point system used in the intramural program here.

Two teams in Division I -both with 12-3 records -- were also disqualified from moving forward in the playoffs because illegal players were on their rosters, said Carron.

In Division II, 18th MOS, captured the division title with a win-loss record of 12-2 and secured a playoff spot. Other Division II teams that captured a playoff berth were: 18th CES (B), 11-3; 18th MDOS/MDSS, 10-4; 18th OSS, 10-4; 18th DS/AMDS, 10-4, 18th LRS (B), 9-5; 353rd OSS, 8-6 and 909/961st, 8-6.

Coverage of that tournament will be featured in next week's The Kadena Shogun.

Sports Standings Division 1 Softball		
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18th MUNS (A)	14	1
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18th CMS	10	5
18th SFS	8	7
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18th SVS	7	8
18th CS (B)	6	9
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